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Monday, Aug. 2 Lowell city council meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There were only two items on the agenda at the Lowell city council's regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 2.

The meeting lasted about 45 minutes, and there was one participant in citizen discussion. Unusually, citizen discussion took place at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning.

Just before the meeting adjourned, Lowell resident John Vanderwilp asked the council why there had been no Memorial Day parade in town this year. The council responded that the annual Memorial Day parade is organized by the Lowell

VFW and American Legion, and they decided not to have the event this year.

The evening's two agenda items were a discussion of trail funding and the approval of a roof repair project on a city-owned building.

The first part of the trail funding discussion was a general overview of the various options available to the city to distribute its COVID stimulus money.

"The city will receive \$436,573 through the American [Rescue] Plan non-

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Screenshot from the live Internet broadcast of Lowell city council in discussion during their Monday, Aug. 2 regular meeting.

Lowellian is blue ribbon knitter at Ionia Fair

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowellian Dawn Corey won six blue ribbons for knitting and crocheting at the Ionia Free Fair in July.

"I entered mostly in the knitting and crocheting categories, and I won in the baby section," Corey said. "I won third place for a sweater and cap for a baby, I won second place for a pair of booties, I won first place for a pair of mittens, I got first place in highly decorative potholders and my entry in stockings and slippers took first place."

Corey has been entering the Ionia Free Fair for about the past decade, and her

efforts win a few ribbons every year.

"I usually enter between 10 and 14 things and I get ribbons on maybe half of them," Corey said. "There are some phenomenal knitters, quilters and crocheters here in Lowell. If they were entering in the Ionia Free Fair, I would not get so many ribbons."

The secret weapon that allowed her to dominate the fair this year was a book of foreign language knitting patterns Corey picked up on a trip overseas just before the shutdown.

"We took a trip to Norway

the October before we were shut down for COVID, and I bought a knitting book there," Corey said. "In Norway, they understand about cold, so they have two kinds of mittens. One kind is intended to go way up your arm on the outside of your jacket, and the other is something that you can tuck up your sleeve. Many of the patterns are really cheerful. There's one with a sheep that just makes you laugh, and one with dancing frogs that's the same way. But the book is in Norwegian, which was a challenge. I am not Norwegian, nor do I speak Norwegian. But inside this book all of these things are done out in charts, and I read charts really well, so I was able to figure out what almost everything meant pretty soon. There were a

few confusing things, but we were on a tour and I asked the tour guide, who was also a knitter, 'What does this mean in English?' and 'What does that mean in English?' I started knitting when I got home, and I have been working on them during the pandemic. It was a wonderful thing for me during the pandemic, because it requires lots of concentration and it's something I can do at home, so it kept me busy. So with about five words in Norwegian and this book of charts, I did quite well!"

Corey's blend of old school, Polish, Norwegian and other knitting styles often confuses contemporary knitting instructors.

"I've been knitting since I was in second grade, so basically forever," Corey said. "My grandmother

Rose Auger taught me when I was just a little girl, she learned it in Poland. All the little girls learned to do it from their grandmothers, but it's becoming a lost art. It's not something people teach their kids anymore, not that I've observed anyway. Apparently my grandmother's method is different from what you find in books on knitting. If I go to a knitting class, they tell me 'No, that's not how you knit. You're doing that wrong. You're not teachable.' But it works! I've traveled around and I just always pay attention to knitting wherever I go. I am aware that there are at least five different ways to knit. So the fact that I'm using this one instead of the one prevalent in the United States is not of any great importance."



Dawn Corey

Lowell Middle School welcomes new principal

It was recently revealed that Abby Wiseman was chosen from nearly 50 applicants to be the new Lowell Middle School principal.

Wiseman was previously an employee of the Kenowa Hills school district, where she worked as an English teacher, a coach and was the middle school principal.

"Ms. Wiseman coached softball at Kenowa

Hills and was as assistant basketball coach at Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University and Grand Valley State University," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Nate Fowler. "In addition to successful leadership experience at the middle school level, it was clear that Ms. Wiseman places a priority on building relationships with students, families and staff to increase

student learning." Wiseman is replacing Dan VanderMeulen, who is now the curriculum director for Lowell Area Schools.

"We look forward to the experience and leadership qualities that Abby brings to the position as the middle school undergoes significant renovations to the learning space in the coming years," Fowler said.

Lowell McDonald's matching next \$10,000 in donations to YMCA

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Through Friday, Aug. 13, the Lowell McDonald's will match the first \$10,000 in donations to the new Lowell Lighthouse Family YMCA.

"For donations to qualify for this McDonald's \$10,000 matching challenge, donations or campaign pledges must be in hand by close of business on Tuesday, Aug. 17," said Lacey Dixon, YMCA vice president of mission advancement. "The campaign will continue until we reach our fundraising goal, which is \$107,874.83. The McDonald's match challenge has been generously pledged locally by the Berg family, and it includes the Lowell McDonald's as well as others in the area."

The Berg family has been in the McDonald's

business in some capacity since the 1970s. Through his company, Berg Investments, Lowell native Ken Berg currently owns a total of four McDonald's restaurants in West Michigan: the Lowell, Ada, Comstock Park and Northland Dr. locations. He officially started working at a McDonald's restaurant when he was only 18 years old

The new YMCA facility, currently under construction in the former location of Impact Church, is scheduled to open in January 2022.

"The YMCA has been an incredible cornerstone of the Lowell area community for decades, adapting to meet emerging needs throughout the years," Dixon said. "In order to grow to serve the ever expanding physical

and mental wellness and connectivity needs of our community, an expanded space is needed to welcome more individuals and families into the benefits of improved nutrition, strength, movement, and community engagement. From day camp to drop-in childcare to group fitness classes, the Lighthouse Family YMCA can grow alongside the community to keep pace with where our neighbors need us most. The support provided through today's pledges ensure tomorrow's YMCA can continue a tradition of multi-generational service."

To make a donation, text "GIVE" to 616.236.2819, visit grymca.org/Lowell for a pledge form or visit the YMCA in Lowell.



Lowell McDonald's owner Ken Berg. (file photo)

"The campaign committee and YMCA staff will also be at the Kent County Youth Fair to visit with you about the excitement and benefits of this project, and

how membership at the Y makes a powerful difference for youth and families of the area," Dixon said. "Pledge payments toward the project can be made

for up to five years, and a few naming opportunities remain. Consider making an important impact through your support today."

River Valley Credit Union helps Lowell community with donation to YMCA



Marta Rozema, the program director at the Lowell YMCA, and Cutter Phillips from River Valley Credit Union.

For more than 10 years, River Valley Credit Union has offered its members a chance to skip a loan payment for a small fee. Then they take \$5 out of each skip fee and donate it to Flat River Outreach Ministries. This June, River Valley Credit Union donated \$1,000 to help the Lowell YMCA offer the 12-week program at no charge for the cancer survivors and their families.

"It's an honor to give back to the Lowell community while helping our members,"

said Janelle Franke, CEO of River Valley Credit Union. "We appreciate all that the Livestrong Program does for the survivors and their families."

The skip fee \$5 donation program runs twice a year, in June and again in the winter. Since they started the program, River Valley Credit Union has donated more than \$20,000 to FROM, including \$1,800 last winter.

"Contributing to the Livestrong Program at the Lowell YMCA is important to River Valley Credit Union

since so many people are either personally affected or know somebody that is affected by cancer," said Alisha Jones, River Valley Credit Union marketing assistant in a press release. "It was clear to River Valley Credit Union to donate to this program because it's a way they can help those affected locally. River Valley Credit Union's vision from the beginning has been about people helping people, and this program does just that."

For more information, visit myrivervalleycu.org.

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entitlement unit program,” said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. “The city has filed the application and is awaiting review from the Michigan Department of Treasury. The funds will be allotted in two cycles, and I believe the first allotment is 60 days after approval. The funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024 and expended by Dec. 31, 2026. So how can the funds be used? There’s a couple of different options. Responding to a public health emergency - it’s very broad language in how you can do that - addressing negative economic impacts, public safety reimbursement, to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers, for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency and to make necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.”

At the previous city council meeting on Monday,

July 19, it was revealed that there is still \$212,000 outstanding to complete the LARA trail, and Lowell Township will pay half of this if the city of Lowell will agree to pay the other half.

“Can we use the ARP funds for the \$212,000 gap to fund the trail,” Burns asked the council rhetorically. “It was asked that the city cover half that for \$106,000, and Lowell Township would consider the other half. The guidelines say outdoor public park improvements are allowable expenditures in the areas deemed ‘qualified census tracts.’ Under our CDBG [Community Development Block Grant] program that we participate in with Kent County, all of the trails planned for Bowes Rd. and Hudson by the Grand River are in the qualified census tract that they use. The qualified census tract for the ARP is different than what is used for CDBG, so there’s no area in the city that qualifies for the ARP. [In] my discussions with MML [Michigan Municipal League] staff, they believed this will be eligible, though, because Gov. Whitmer is proposing millions of dollars of park improvements

statewide with a portion of the state’s share of the ARP funds. So the MML is telling me that it’s probably going to be approved.”

Next, the council discussed what could specifically be done in Lowell with the money.

“When I was first putting this plan together, how I was proposing to do it was, I was trying to plan on resourceful things that we could do,” Burns said. “Not very exciting things, but they’re all needs and they all impact the general fund. So the first one was, originally I put about \$240,000 to purchase four police vehicles over the next four years, and I was going to do this originally through the payroll reimbursement allowance. As you know, the city doesn’t charge Reynolds to purchase police cars as we do for other police fleet vehicles, so this is a general fund expenditure. We usually buy police cars four years in a row, and then for four to five years we don’t buy any police cars. We’re now in the cycle of where we need to buy the police cars again. [...] The second one was the \$76,000 that’s already been approved for the municipal

restroom near the Riverwalk, then \$75,000 for a portion of the city’s share of the 2022 purchase of a county fire truck. I was going to do that for payroll reimbursement, and then I wanted to set some funds aside for any possible revenue reimbursements. [...] So that was what I originally decided, but once I started [and] once the request came about the trail, I’m revisiting the recommendation. You can do anything you want with this. Another option I was thinking was, rather than purchasing all four cars, let’s just purchase the first two, the one that we’re going to be getting here hopefully pretty soon and then the one we have to purchase next year, and then set aside \$106,000 for the remaining gap of the trail. And then, obviously, we have the \$76,000 for the restroom we already approved, and then still set aside \$75,000 for the county [fire truck] purchase, and it still frees up \$59,573 for possible revenue reimbursements. I don’t think we’re going to need that much. But also the other thing is, if this isn’t an issue, we could use this towards the 2023-24 patrol car we have to purchase or the fiscal

year 24-25 car we have to purchase. [...] What my biggest fear is, kind of going through some of these other components is, maybe we do something wrong and then, next thing you know, a year or two from now, Treasury says, ‘You’ve got to give us that money back,’ and I don’t want to do that.”

The council did not make a decision, and will discuss the complicated issue at a future meeting.

The council voted to accept a bid of \$59,000 from Lowell-based company Risner’s Roofing, who will replace the roof on the Foreman building.

“Approximately three years ago the upper portion of the roof was replaced with a rubber membrane type roof,” Lowell public works director Dan Czarnecki wrote in a city memorandum dated July 29, 2021. “This replacement was set up to someday be continued down the sides of the roof when the time came to replace the old shingled roofing. Over the past year the deterioration of the remaining roof has accelerated and the time has come to finish the replacement. The current shingled roof is leaking

greatly. Specifications were generated to remove the remaining roofing, replace the wooden portion of the roof with new OSB [oriented strand board] roof boards and install a new roofing material. [...] Risner’s Roofing has quoted the replacement of the existing shingled roofing utilizing an EPDM [ethylene propylene diene monomer] rubber roof membrane. For this work there is a 20-year membrane warranty and a 15-year workmanship warranty. [...] Risner’s Roofing has re-roofed several buildings for the city of Lowell, including park buildings and water department buildings.”

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting is scheduled to take place in person at city hall and streaming live on YouTube at 7 pm on Monday, Aug. 16. They also have a “Coffee with the Council” scheduled at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Aug. 7.

To watch previous city council, board and commission meetings, look for the “City of Lowell” and “Lowell Light and Power” channels on YouTube or visit archive.org.

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Litehouse increases starting wage

From a family-owned restaurant to a 100 percent employee-owned company, Idaho-based salad dressing giant Litehouse Foods has continued a trajectory of steady growth. With this growth, Litehouse is seeking to increase their local workforce in the Lowell area.

According to a media release from Litehouse Foods, the company has increased starting wages and is seeking motivated and reliable workers to join the Litehouse family. Interested applicants are invited to visit their website www.litehousefoods.com/careers.

Litehouse had its beginnings in 1949 when Ed Hawkins Sr. was a chef in Spokane, Washington. Ed prayed about a solution to the poor quality of the salad bar dressings they served. The answer to his prayer was a blend of mayonnaise, spices, crumbled blue cheese and buttermilk. To his knowledge, his original recipe was the first creamy blue cheese dressing.

Chef Ed started serving the recipe in his restaurant. Customers loved his dressing so much they took home jars of it. Seeing how much customers loved the dressing, his sons Doug and Ed Jr. had an idea to start selling the product to local retailers.

With local success, Doug and Ed Jr. started gaining national distribution. They grew the company with new product offerings, and expanded the production footprint by adding the Lowell, MI facility in addition to the Sandpoint, ID location.

Over the coming years, Litehouse continued to expand its offerings of innovative products to include freeze-dried herbs, meat marinades, dressing packs for salad bars, dips for vegetable trays, caramel dip and other complementary food products.

In 2001, Litehouse began making their own handcrafted blue cheese as the main ingredient for the famous blue cheese dressing.

Soon afterward, Litehouse blue cheese crumbles and wheels began selling in produce and deli departments across the country.

As Litehouse continued to grow, they searched for other locations to manufacture their popular products. Litehouse opened the doors for its manufacturing facility in Hurricane, UT in 2011 and in Danville, VA in 2019.

In 2006, they transferred 30 percent of the company's ownership to its employees and 100 percent by 2014. Together, Litehouse employees share the hard work and rewards of building their company. The company empowers all members of its organization to spark the innovations and great new ideas that will propel them into the future.

Today, Litehouse's award-winning products are available in North America through general retail, e-commerce, food service, deli, club stores and value-added goods such as meal and salad kits. The company operates under the brands



Litehouse, Brite Harbor, Sky Valley, Organicville, Green Garden and Veggiecraft.

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one bite at a time. They strive to deliver a memorable eating experience, positively impact the communities around them and provide

employee-owners with opportunities to succeed. They are proud to contribute to the success of their communities and impact the lives of those who live there.

Gov. 'not considering' vax mandate for state workers

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office said on Thursday, July 29 that a vaccine mandate for state employees "is not something that we are considering" even as other leaders are moving in that direction for public-sector workers.

President Joe Biden is expected to announce Thursday that all civilian federal workers will have to be vaccinated, or face regular testing, social distancing, mask requirements and travel limits, according to Reuters. At the same time, the vaccines won't be mandated and those who don't get it won't be at risk of getting fired.

The Democratic governors of California and New York have announced recently that their public employees must get vaccinated, too. In those situations, the consequence of not being vaccinated is to submit to testing.

Michigan government workers who are coming into the office on a given day are asked on a daily questionnaire if they have been vaccinated. If not, they're required to wear a mask in accordance with recommendations and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Jackson on Wednesday, Gov. Whitmer told reporters she was "in discussions with different bargaining units and working really hard to educate about the efficacy and safety of the vaccine."

The Michigan Information & Research Service checked with UAW Local 6000, one of the state employee bargaining units, and the word was, "We are at the bargaining table right now and that issue has not come up."

Likewise, over at AFSCME Council 25, a

source confirmed he was not aware of any outreach by the administration to address that issue.

MIRS asked the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services its position on employers requiring vaccination, especially considering the spread of the delta variant of the virus, and was also asked its position on the state requiring its employees to be vaccinated.

In response, DHHS spokesperson Lynn Sutfin said the DHHS has followed guidance from the CDC throughout the pandemic, and the CDC "recommends, but does not require, that eligible individuals get vaccinated with the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are able to do so."

In Michigan, several major hospital systems have announced vaccine mandates for their employees, including Beaumont, Spectrum Health, Henry Ford Health System, Ascension, Trinity Health and OSF Healthcare, said John Karasinski, spokesperson for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

The Health Care Association of Michigan, which represents nursing homes, said Thursday it supports facilities if they "mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for employees, understanding that local circumstances dictate whether this is the best policy for individual facilities, their staff and residents."

HCAM President and CEO Melissa Samuel said the organization "strongly" supports the vaccination of staff and residents in long-term care facilities.

As for state universities, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Oakland University are

requiring vaccination for students who live on campus, said Dan Hurley, CEO of the Michigan Association of State Universities.

On Wednesday, Beaumont Health announced a vaccine mandate for its employees, volunteers and providers, but it would only go into effect once the Food and Drug Administration fully approves a vaccine, which the hospital is expecting early this fall.

But Beaumont also said that "if the positive rate for the surrounding communities begins to spike or Beaumont experiences a fourth pandemic surge, the COVID-19 vaccine will be mandated before full FDA approval."

Spectrum Health also announced its mandate Wednesday but said it would take effect within "eight weeks of the FDA approving the first vaccine and will consider exemptions as required by law," and also noted it may act quicker if there's an increased risk due to the delta variant of COVID-19.

Henry Ford said it was the first hospital system to announce a mandate back on June 29, and said then it would start Sept. 10.

As for the state's manufacturers, some are mandating the vaccine, others are providing incentives and others who are completely leaving it up to the employee, said David Worthams, director of human resource policy for the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Meanwhile, in the legislature, bills have been introduced barring public school districts and the state from requiring children to get vaccinated as a condition of going to school and other activities.

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Also, citizens who are directly involved with our natural resources have a vested interest in

these resources, so they pay attention to what is going on out there. Many of these folks get actively involved through supporting conservation organizations, attending public meetings, and by voting on proposals and candidates likely to benefit conservation issues.

On a personal level, the attachment to nature through hunting or fishing enhances the quality of life for those who participate. Over the years economic and cultural changes have drawn us away from a close relationship

with nature. Fortunately, we have preserved much of our natural resources, so the opportunity to get involved is still there.

The hunting lifestyle may not be for everyone, and the same is true for fishing, but should be given a try before giving up on the idea. I know of several examples where someone became an avid fisherman or hunter much later in life. Once they had the experience, they made it a permanent part of their lifestyle. Don't overlook including young folks.

Hunting and fishing can be practiced on different levels of involvement. One

can sit quietly on public land on a crisp fall morning and watch for a squirrel to appear or choose to manage private acreage for optimum wildlife habitat for the purpose of creating hunting opportunities. Fishing can be done off a public fishing pier or on a salmon boat miles out on the Great Lakes. There is something for everyone.

Take the time and effort to get firsthand experience to avoid missing an opportunity to enrich your life and at the same time contribute to the conservation of our natural resources. Claim your place in the great outdoors.

to the editor

To the Editor:

Well it is nearly 11:00 am and I sitting staring out the window at yet another delightful Michigan Summer day. I must confess that I have been cheating a wee bit on the glorious weather of the last week as I sat enamored by the broadcast of the Olympics. Geez, did you ever think it would be on so many channels? I also have to say that I had a personal reason to be glued to the TV, a cousin's daughter was on the British women's Rugby team and she is truly a star. 'Nuf about that at another time.

Well it is August already and the ads are out for the return to school clothes and other trappings of the coming fall. Yep, school opens in about three weeks and can football be far behind? Speaking of sports, have any of you driven by the Lowell High School to see the beautiful new changes to the outdoor athletic fields, truly first class, thank you taxpayers for your support of the millage, it will pay benefits for generations of our youth.

Have you all been paying attention to the new additions to the community, scores of new homes, and several new businesses, not to mention the commitment that Lighthouse as made to our new YMCA, a big thank you there. I hope you have had the opportunity to take in a concert on Thursday night down at the Showboat and lest we forget the Thursday market days showcasing our local agri-business. Nope,

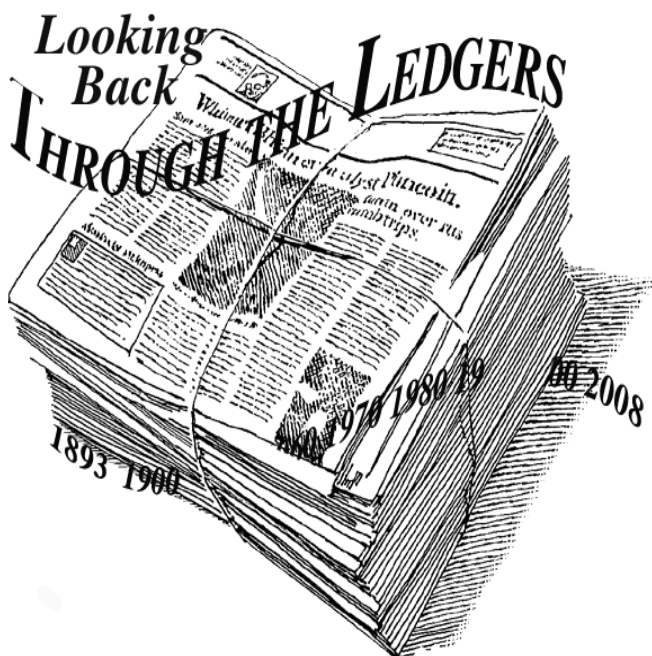
our little town is having growing pains and we need to support the folks who are providing these wonderful choices.

Well, the weather has been its usual self, a seasonal warmth that we all love with an occasional storm thrown in just to keep it honest. It won't be long and the palette of colors will begin to fade and the sun will be heading to the south. Yep, Labor Day will be ushering in the shorter days and cooler nights. Pumpkins will again adorn porches and leaves will decorate the lawns.

I would be remiss to neglect to mention the circumstances that we all experienced for the last eighteen months. The threat of restricted businesses and disrupted schools are again raising their ugly head. Politics aside there appears to be some real concern that science doesn't support shuttering the country yet again. For Pete's sake go get vaccinated and take reasonable precautions, if you want to wear a mask then do it. Let's not throw millions of folks into the chaos of unemployment and have millions more youth surrender yet another year of their education.

So folks if your reading this, peruse the paper for a new adventure that is probably right in your neighborhood. Enjoy the remaining weeks of the season wedged between spring and fall, you do live in a special place.

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Everybody remembers the old rivalry between Alto and Lowell. Those former series are still talked about. Sunday, the first of a series has been scheduled and from reports coming from Alto a real game can be expected. Owing to the Grand Rapids tournament future dates are not yet settled. Announcement will be made soon of other dates.

Howard and Robert Wood were fined \$26 and costs by Judge Andrews for killing turkeys on the Leon McCarty farm. The capture was made by officer Ed. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have had a discouraging time. This is not their first trouble with turkeys and recently they found a full grown hog that had been killed by a shot in the head, and a Jersey cow died, after having been bitten or wounded on the leg.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Greene left Tuesday for Philadelphia, where they will meet their son Golden, who made the trip from San Francisco via the Panama canal by a government ship in capacity of wireless

telegrapher. Golden's wife, Laura, left Philadelphia Saturday for an extended visit to the Netherlands. Owing to a delay in the ocean voyage, Golden failed to meet his wife as planned.

75 years
The Lowell Ledger
August 8, 1946

The Ionia Free Fair, first in the nation with a free grounds admission and this season Michigan's largest fair, rang up the curtain on its thirtieth annual season Monday ad for its six days and six nights from August 5 to 10 expects to be "bigger and better in every way."

The increase in population of the United States in the six years since the date of the last census in 1940 is estimated at 8,700,000. This great addition to the population has been made, but wartime conditions made it impossible for building to keep up with this growth. One result has been that a great many young couples have had to live on with their parents. A great many have had to live in one or two rooms.

Local overseas veterans, meeting at the City Hall Monday evening, succeeded in setting up the framework for a new post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. The new unit, to be known as the Flat River Post, will be formally mustered in, according to present plans, at a public ceremony on Sept. 11, the details of which will be announced later.

50 years
The Lowell Ledger
August 12, 1971

Wanta hear some interesting stories? Then seek out 78-year-old Earl Ingalls, owner-manager of the Ingalls Carnival, now playing at the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair this week. He'll tell you how he first began in the carnival business with a merry-go-round in 1912. He'll tell you how he had to sell his "old woman" who was 50 years old...because there were no drivers to haul around his special elephant.

Three area women were injured in a fatal automobile accident last Tuesday, August 3, near Ann Arbor, that claimed the life of 63-year-old Gerald Mast, painter and art professor of the Michigan Extension Center in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Blanche Mullen, 62, art teacher in the Lowell Area Schools remains hospitalized at Kalamazoo's Bronson Hospital with a broken leg, rib, and multiple bruises.



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ABCs of Lowell history

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced last year as a way to share some of the many fascinating stories from Lowell's past. It was initiated in-part by the pandemic shutdown which led the museum to seek alternative ways to share local history with the community. The series will continue with a third round of the alphabet.

Q is for Queen

Lowell has long had Queen Competitions. Some occurred each year, such as the annual crowning of the Showboat Queen, but one Queen crowning was the grandest of them all. That was the Lowell Centennial Queen, part of the Centennial Celebration of 1931. That Queen was Miss Emma Kropf.

The Lowell Centennial was not only the result of one hundred years of history, but of months and months of planning. The citizens undertook the task of writing a book as a tribute to the pioneers, old residents and citizens of "Lowell - 100 Years of History, 1831-1931." The Lowell Board of Trade (business leaders) and the Lowell Women's Club planned a tremendous Centennial Celebration.

The opening day of the celebration began at 5 a.m. with the discharge of 20 pounds of nitroglycerin by the centennial committee. The bombs were fired to awaken the people for their 100th birthday party. This kicked off a multitude of events of celebration. Special events included picnic lunches and barbeques, a parade over



three miles long, special addresses by visiting mayors, legislators and the Governor, a baseball game, free entertainment acts, band concerts, balloon ascension with parachute drop, a historical pageant and an outdoor dance.

Emma Kropf was born in 1913, the youngest of the seven children of Christian and Jennie Kropf. Christian was a farmer; but he also planted cherry and apple trees which has become a well-known corporation in Vergennes Township, known as Kropf Orchards. Emma attended the Moseley School, corner of Lincoln Lake and 4 Mile Rd, and Lowell High School. Since they lived near Murray Lake, the family kept rowboats for fisherman and Emma dug worms and sold them. Favorite pastimes were swimming in and ice skating on Murray Lake, and volleyball and softball on Sunday afternoons. Emma graduated from Lowell High School in 1930 and

immediately began working at the Lowell State Bank as teller and bookkeeper.

Eleven candidates were nominated to run for Queen. Each business in Lowell gave tickets out based on the amount of dollars spent at that business. The customers then wrote the name of the candidate of their choice on each ticket and turned it in. In Emma's case, many of the customers simply brought their tickets to the Bank and gave them to Emma to write her name on them. In fact, so many were given to her that Dan Wingeier, her boss, made a rubber stamp with her name on it.

Emma Kropf received the most votes and was crowned queen at Recreation Park on August 6, 1931, the first day of the three-day celebration. She wore a white satin dress and was crowned with a white sequined crown. This crown is now on display at the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Her Queen's Court included: Essie Condon,

Roxie Condon, Dorothy Bieri, Audrey Carey, Bernice Lee, Helen Cahoon, Louise Ryder, Patricia Hefferan, Ruby Eickhoff, and Myrtle Jay.

On the second day, the grand centennial parade proceeded through Lowell and stretched out for three miles. Thousands of people lined the streets; the greatest crowd ever! Emma said, "I did not wave at the crowd, except for Bob and Helen. I did not know you were supposed to or maybe it wasn't done back then." After the parade, the Governor of Michigan Wilber Brucker addressed the crowd.

The Centennial Celebration was a party like none other, and it brought over 60,000 people to Lowell. It also gave Lowell a queen, Centennial Queen Emma Kropf.

Queen Emma and five of her court were still around for Lowell's Sesquicentennial in 1981 and rode in that parade as well.

- fluoride for children

Fluoride is a natural chemical that is added to water and toothpaste to help strengthen teeth. Fluoride helps build enamel, which is the hard outer coating on the teeth. Healthy enamel helps prevent tooth decay. Using fluoride toothpaste is important for everyone over the age of three because it can help repair damage done to existing teeth by tartar. However, because enamel production begins before teeth appear, drinking fluorinated water is also important for children with developing teeth.

The fluoride content of local water supplies varies. Typically city water contains fluoride, but well water may not. If you have children at home, it is important to

know the fluoride content of your drinking water. If you live in town, check with the water department to find out the exact water-fluoride content. If you have a well, have it tested. Drinking water should contain at least six parts per million of fluoride. If not, your child may need to take a prescription fluoride supplement. Typically when needed, children can be treated with fluoride supplements from age six months to age 16.

Receiving adequate fluoride is important for healthy teeth, but too much can be harmful. Talk to your health care provider if you feel your child may need fluoride supplementation, and to ensure proper dosing for your child.

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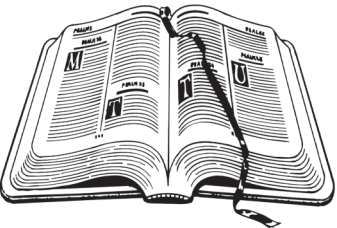


Greenridge Realty announced that Dave VanKeulen received Sales Person of the Month in July.

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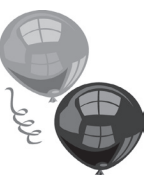
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 Pamela Esparza, Steven Burrows.

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 Madeline Scott, Tanner Nowak.



August is National Breastfeeding Month

Michigan is committed to encouraging a strong foundation for life in all infants by supporting breastfeeding mothers for the first year of their child's life and beyond. As part of this commitment, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared August 2021 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

"During Breastfeeding Awareness Month this August, which includes Native Breastfeeding Week and Black Breastfeeding Week, we recommit ourselves to pursue equity for breastfeeding moms, including additional support and resources for Black and Native breastfeeding mothers," Gov. Whitmer said. "We are dedicated to broadening public understanding of the critical impact breastfeeding has on improving the health

of infants and mothers and reducing infant mortality rates within minority communities."

Breastfeeding provides countless benefits to the nursing infant including easy digestion, production of antibodies and reduced risk of infections and childhood obesity. It also offers faster recovery from birth and reduced risk for postpartum hemorrhage and uterine cancer to the breastfeeding mother.

Disparities in breastfeeding rates and other maternal and infant health outcomes are more evident for Black and Indigenous families than for other Michigan families. Increased efforts highlighting increased support for breastfeeding are part of Gov. Whitmer's Healthy Moms Healthy Babies initiative.

Ways to support breastfeeding include advocating for paid maternity leave and adequate pumping time while at work and school, and by bolstering baby friendly hospitals. National Breastfeeding Month is also a time to highlight under-resourced communities where families do not have equal access to support, care and education.

Although 86.9 percent of Michigan families initiate breastfeeding, only 58 percent are still breastfeeding at three months. Barriers, such as lack of access to supportive healthcare and childcare providers and lack of paid work leave, often lead to early weaning. Additionally, there are fewer lactation professionals from communities of color.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, Black infants are 20 percent less likely to have ever received breast milk than any other race. In Michigan, seven of every 1,000 babies born die by age one, and among Black babies, the number is more than double. Between 80 and 90 maternal deaths occur each year with Black women dying 2.4 percent more often.

"Proper nutrition for infants is critical for their growth and development, and it is important for hospitals, business, communities and coalitions to work together to provide consistent support for breastfeeding mothers in Michigan," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief deputy for health. "Supporting breastfeeding

is about the health of our entire community, so it is important that businesses and communities implement policies and provide an environment that supports a family's breastfeeding goals."

Michigan is committed to improving outcomes for breastfeeding mothers and supporting community health workers such as community-based doulas and the WIC Peer Counseling support program help diversify lactation support and increase breastfeeding rates in local communities across the state.

The State of Michigan WIC program is celebrating National Breastfeeding Month with the theme, "Why WIC for Breastfeeding?"

WIC supports breastfeeding in the following ways:

Free, unlimited access to lactation consultants and breastfeeding peer counselors.

Training to all WIC staff to support prenatal and breastfeeding families.

Breastfeeding clients get more WIC foods than non-breastfeeding clients, including canned fish, and are able to stay on the program longer.

At 6 months, breastfed babies receive infant meats and more fruits and vegetables.

Many WIC clinics offer telehealth appointments.

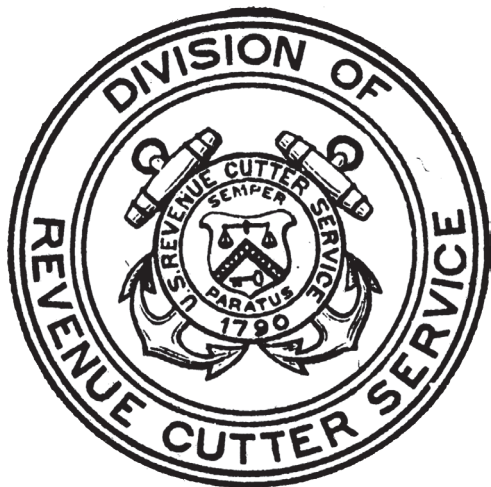
WIC offers a breastfeeding hotline available seven days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm at 833-MIWICBF (833-649-4233).

For additional information, visit the Michigan Breastfeeding Network, mibreastfeeding.org.

Today: Wednesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 4 is the 216th day of the year. There are 149 days remaining until the end of 2021.

It is Coast Guard Day in the United States, to commemorate that organization's founding on Aug. 4, 1790.



The original "Revenue Cutter Service" logo from before the name change and the revised Coast Guard version are not terribly dissimilar.

Historic Events

1693: According to unconfirmed legends, this is the date of Dom Perignon's invention of champagne.

1783: Mount Asama erupts in Japan, killing about 1,400 people and causing a famine that results in 20,000 more deaths.

1790: Creation of the Revenue Cutter Service, the forerunner of the Coast Guard.

1821: The Saturday Evening Post is published for the first time, as a weekly newspaper.

1873: The US 7th Cavalry under Lt. Col. George Custer clashes with the Cheyenne and the Lakota while they're protecting a railroad survey party near the Tongue River in Montana. One person on each side is killed.

1889: The Great Fire of Spokane, WA destroys 32 blocks of that city.

1892: Lizzie Borden's father and stepmother are found murdered in their Fall River, MA home. Borden is tried and acquitted for the crimes a year later.

1914: In response to the German invasion of

Belgium, Belgium and the British Empire declare war on Germany. Meanwhile, the US declares its neutrality.

1944: A tip from a Dutch informant leads the Nazi Gestapo to a hidden area in an Amsterdam warehouse where they find Anne Frank, her entire family and four other people.

1964: Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney are found dead in Mississippi after disappearing on June 21.

1964: In the second Gulf of Tonkin incident, the USS Maddox and the USS Turner Joy mistakenly report coming under attack in the Gulf of Tonkin.

1969: US national security advisor Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese chief diplomat Xuân Thủy begin secret peace negotiations in Paris that will eventually fail.

1977: President Jimmy Carter signs legislation creating the Department of Energy.

1984: The Republic of Upper Volta changes its name to Burkina Faso.

1987: The Federal Communications Commission rescinds the Fairness Doctrine that required radio and television stations to present controversial issues of public importance in a manner that was honest, equitable and balanced

2007: NASA's Phoenix spacecraft is launched on a mission to study Mars.

2019: Nine people are killed and 26 injured during a shooting in Dayton, OH. There is also a mass shooting in El Paso, TX where 23 people are killed.

2020: At least 220 people are killed and more than 5,000 wounded in Beirut, Lebanon when 2,700 tons of ammonium nitrate explodes.

Birthdays

1521: Pope Urban VII
1792: Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet

1821: Louis Vuitton, fashion designer

1859: Knut Hamsun, novelist

1898: Ernesto Maserati, race car driver

1900: Queen Elizabeth

1901: Louis Armstrong, trumpet player, singer

1915: Warren Avis, founder of Avis Rent a Car System

1934: Dallas Green, baseball player, manager

1939: Frankie Ford, R&B singer

1940: Larry Knechtel, session musician

1941: Ted Strickland, governor of Ohio

1942: David Lange, prime minister of New Zealand

1944: Richard Belzer, actor, comedian

1947: Klaus Schulze, keyboard player, songwriter, Tangerine Dream

1954: Anatoliy Kinakh, prime minister of Ukraine

1955: Alberto Gonzales, US attorney general

1955: Billy Bob Thornton, actor

1959: Robbin Crosby, guitarist, songwriter, Ratt

1961: Barack Obama, 44th president of the United States

1962: Roger Clemens, baseball player

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held at a regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at the new Vergennes Township Hall, located at 69 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit application as follows:

Orb Aerospace, located on the Lowell Airport property at 730 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell MI 49931, has applied for a Special Exception Use to install a commercial sign along Lincoln Lake Ave. This would provide an exception, within the R-2 zoning district, to allow two signs per parcel. Applicable Zoning Ordinances include 201.403 D & E.

The complete application can be reviewed at the old Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 or on the Township Website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to: clerk@vergennestwp.org

Shantell Ford
Vergennes Township Clerk



Singer/songwriter Timi Yuro was born in Chicago on Aug. 4, 1940.

Prices in the process of placing their second Priceless Storage location

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A brand new storage facility is currently in the planning stages for the SW corner of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes.

Jody and Walter Price own Priceless Storage, 5890 Alden Nash Ave SE. Lowell has been expanding since they opened it more than a decade ago, creating a desperate need for storage units.

“Lowell is growing, and it’s growing so fast,” Jody said. “There is a huge need. I feel bad every time someone calls and I don’t have a unit for them, because I know they need it, I just don’t have it, and I know that everybody else is full too. Often we get people whose parents have passed away and their kids don’t know what to do

with all their stuff. They don’t want to get rid of it, so they store it. We get a lot of stories like that. There are all kinds of reasons. Anybody that’s in an apartment, a mobile home or any of those smaller living arrangements might need storage, or if somebody has moved back in with their parents.”

“We turn a lot of people

away every week for outdoor storage, so there is a huge need for it,” Walter said. “Also, businesses often need to store different materials, then they can just come by, grab what they need and take off instead of storing it wherever their business is.”

The Prices described the new location’s current status as “planning stage,”



but some outdoor storage might be available before the end of the year.

“If you drive out there, it’s the land that’s been clear-cut just south of the J&H Family Store gas station but across the street,” Jody said “My mom found the property, she is a [real estate agent] in town. She saw it was for sale, so she brought it to our attention. At first we were like, ‘Do we really want to do that!’” I ran the numbers over and over and looked at a bunch of scenarios, and I called around to make sure that everybody else was full as well, and everybody was. By now, we’ve got 12 years of experience with the two of us, we have all the knowledge on what to do and how to do it, so it’s not as scary as the first setup was. At this point, we have to get township approval, then we need a fence and gravel and there’s a lot of excavating that needs to

be done, so it may happen this year and it may not. Buildings probably won’t happen until next year. Construction is so far out right now, about six months. We have 42,000 square feet at our current location and we’re looking to have about 50,000 square feet at the new location. The buildings will be similar to our current location, and then we’ll have some outside storage if the township approves it. I keep saying I want to have outside storage available before winter hits so we can help all those people, but it’s still in the design process right now and we’re just too far out to project an opening date.”

The original Priceless Storage opened in 2009 when Walter started discussing the concept of storage units with a couple of his fishing buddies.

“I fished tournaments with Chad Fett, who is one of my best friends, and his father-in-law, Jerry Lundberg,” Walter said. “He had multiple storage facilities over on the lakeshore in the Muskegon area. I got to know Chad and I got to know Jerry, and then I decided to do one over here. My parents owned the property, I bought six acres of it from them and put it there. When I said I wanted to

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Jody Price

do this, so many people told me I was gonna fail, but I was confident. A lot of stuff about this industry appeals to me. It’s fairly easy and it’s a little expensive to get into, but once you’re there...”

“It was a big risk, but we worked hard,” Jody said. “I was very nervous when we started. It’s a lot of money up front, a lot. Easily half a million dollars. The idea

of opening storage units out in the Alto area where everybody has barns, I was like, ‘Who needs storage?’ Well, I was wrong! And I’m happy to say that. Because it turns out everybody needs storage, we are full all the time, so it’s worked out really well.”

They have since developed a division of labor wherein Jody is responsible for clerical,

customer service and accounting, while Walter performs groundskeeping, maintenance and customer service.

“We both have worked full-time jobs elsewhere,” Jody said. “I’m an accountant, so I handle all the paperwork, the computers and all of that, and then he handles the daily operations out there with unlocking and



Walter and Jody Price

locking, moving walls, plowing snow, mowing... Anything that needs to be done out there, he handles all of that, and it’s worked out really well.”

“The one good thing about COVID is it’s really helped us figure out how to do all this more remotely,” Jody said. “We rarely ever meet anybody out there anymore, because there’s just not a need, we can do it all online or over the phone.

We go out and program their codes in and make sure there’s locks where there need to be locks and things like that, but we don’t have to physically meet people there anymore.”

Both of the Prices are Lowell natives who still live on the family farm just outside of Lowell.

“We’re from the area, we have both lived in Lowell our whole lives,” Jody said. “Walter grew up out there

by the storage units, and we still live out on the family farm.”

For more information, visit mypricelessstorage.com, call 616-558-2900 or look for them on social media.



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SPORTS

Alumni game plans return with addition of girls game

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

After a year break due to complications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lowell Red Arrows soccer alumni game will be making its return here in 2021. The game typically features the current Lowell High School varsity boys team taking on a group of alumni players from across a wide range of graduation years. This year, the format will change ever so slightly, with a goal of getting a girls game added to the festivities.

“My hope is to make this event welcome to all Lowell soccer community members! To do this, we need to get a women’s game going,” Lowell alumni game organizer and current JV boys soccer coach Jacob Sweet told us.

The hard part about getting a girls alumni game together is twofold, the first being there is simply a smaller pool of players to choose from. Through the 2020 season, the girls program has had 374 players go through their ranks, including those currently with the program. The boys program has had 497 players, a byproduct of the extra years of soccer before the girls program fully

came together. The second challenge for staff has been that putting a spring game together tends to be more tricky than the fall, with more usage of Red Arrow Stadium and unpredictable weather.

With the move to fall, trying to put both games into one event, and getting the word out, organizers are hoping for a wide interest level from girls soccer alumni at LHS to play.

“They would play the current girls varsity team aside from the people who graduated. I know coach Dan Lipon has tried to do this for a couple years now, so I’m hoping that tying it in with the men’s game in the late summer will give us a better result!”

The first soccer alumni game was held in 2017. Each game features a fun, friendly, and semi-competitive atmosphere which has led to plenty of goals over the years. In 2017 among the goal scorers for the alumni side were Chris Barlow (2), Spencer Lyon, Matt Foster, AJ Morris, and David Kropf. Brenan Conlan, Ezra Stadt, Jonny Draigh (2), and Evan Groeneweg scored goals for varsity in what ended up being 6-6 draw with the

alumni team winning in penalty kicks. In 2018 it was LHS varsity that returned the favor with a win of their own. The 2019 game, the last game played, the Alumni picked up a win 5-4 on a late Pat Vogel penalty.

“I think I’ve said this before and I will say it again, the best part about organizing the event is getting to meet and talk to all the previous players that I watched and looked up to growing up. It’s also great seeing the younger alumni playing against former teammates and challenging them before the season starts. The game of soccer can bring anyone together and this event does that for the entire soccer community.”

The game result is an exhibition and all in good fun. The most important thing coming out of the game is the money raised through tickets, concessions and donations to benefit the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is given each year in honor of former player Austin Lancaster. In 2004, Lancaster passed away due to accidental injuries when he was just 16 years old. Since 2010, the scholarship in memory of



Will Athmann (Class of 2012) and Brenan Conlan (Class of 2019) shake hands following the 2018 LHS alumni soccer game.

Lancaster has been awarded to many of Lowell’s most impressive student-athletes looking to pursue sports collegiately.

One thing that will not be changing with the event is all proceeds still go to the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship. “It took a toll on the scholarship to cancel last year, so I am hoping to really make this year count

for them,” Sweet concluded. \$2,696 has been raised in the past two events for the scholarship fund.

A hard date for the game is in the works, but will likely fall in the end of August to early September.

Are you a girls soccer alumni of LHS looking to play in the alumni game? The soccer program is looking for female soccer

alumni who would be interested in participating from all years. If interested, contact Coach Jacob Sweet at sweetjacob16@gmail.com or visit the Lowell Alumni Soccer Facebook Group.

Lowell football schedule finalized for 2021

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

While the Lowell Football season isn’t quite into swing yet, the Red Arrows schedule this year has been finalized. This year, several changes await the Red Arrows following a bizarre pandemic season in 2020.

Like last year, Lowell’s schedule features two non-conference opponents and a conference schedule that is among the most challenging in the state. The Red Arrows didn’t shy away from competition out of conference, as they’ll be facing off against the OK Red’s Caledonia and two-time defending state champion, Muskegon Mona Shores. The game against Mona Shores will also be Lowell’s Pink Arrow game, which will take place Thursday, August 26.

The conference schedule has home games with Forest Hills Central,

Grand Rapids Christian and Greenville which will serve as Senior Night. Away games will be at Forest Hills Northern, East Grand Rapids, Northview and Byron Center.

Lowell is coming off a 4-4 year that featured a strong start and a thrilling playoff win against Byron Center before falling to Caledonia in round two. The Red Arrows lost 17 seniors from last year’s squad including 10 academic all-state players, and players at several starting positions including Brett Spanbauer, Doak Dean, Nate Clark, Keegan Nugent, Sam Lixie and Dillon Hieshetter. Notable returnees include Grand Rapids Area Dream Team member Josh Rau and Carter Blough.

Typically, fans will look at a season schedule and look at what six opponents the Red Arrows need to beat in order to make the MHSAA

playoffs. That wasn’t needed last year, as every team who participated in football made the playoffs, including some winless teams who made some surprising playoff runs. Now with new MHSAA playoff requirements, there are no automatic qualifiers to the playoffs - that’s right, six wins no longer locks in your playoff spot. Instead, playoff spots are more based on the teams with the highest playoff points.

Playoff points are now based on strength of schedule. This new system will certainly benefit Lowell, which not only plays in a strong conference, but in years past has not shied away from strong out of conference competition. It was often said by those involved with the program how challenging it was to schedule non-conference due to the six-win qualifier, a problem alleviated by the new system.

Here are the changes from the old playoff system to the new:

No automatic qualifiers.
Points for a win (old)
- Class A = 80 points Class B = 64 points Class C = 48 points Class D = 32 points

Points for a win (new)
- Div 1 = 60 points Div 2 = 55 points Div 3 = 50 points Div 4 = 45 points Div 5 = 40 points Div 6 = 35 points Div 7 = 30 points Div 8 = 25 points

Bonus Points (Old) - Team A gets more points (8) for each win by an opponent Team A defeats, and less points (1) for each win by an opponent Team A was defeated by.

Bonus Points (New) - Team A gets points for each of its opponents wins, regardless of whether or not Team A defeated the opponent.

Bonus point multiplier based on opponent size.

These changes will likely prove to be a benefit to

the Red Arrows especially considering how strong the OK White looks to be this upcoming season.

The 2020-2021 Football Schedule is as follows. All games are scheduled for a 7:00 kickoff time, except for Homecoming and Pink Arrow which are subject to time changes to

accommodate for potential pre-game festivities if possible.

The Lowell Football program is seeking a statistician for this season. Must have availability for all home and away games. Please contact coach Jacob Henige for more information.

2021 Football Game Schedule

8/26 vs Mona Shores HS - *Pink Arrow Game*
9/2 at Caledonia HS
9/10 at Forest Hills Northern
9/17 vs Forest Hills Central HS (*Home*)
9/24 vs GR Christian HS - *Homecoming*
10/1 at East Grand Rapids HS
10/8 at Northview HS
10/15 vs Greenville HS - *Senior Parent Night*
10/22 at Byron Center HS

Red Arrow

- SHOOTING

SPORTS

Lowell shooting team completes season at Nationals

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

Always one of the first spring sports to start, and last to finish, the Lowell scholastic shooting team finished another year of fast-paced target shooting competitions. This year's team was coached by Roger Marks with assistant coaches Noah Brown, Pat Brown, Tom Bush, Tim Couturier, Paul Graves, Bob Johnston, Bretton Kooistra and Aaron Wester. The Red Arrows had a very busy schedule this year. Lowell competed at events held in Carson City, Rockford, Mason, Detroit, Hillsdale, the Caledonia Sportsman's

straight targets in skeet. An impressive feat for the sport. Skeet is noted by the Lowell Shooting Team Facebook page a bit more in-depth: "Skeet shooting began as a way to practice hunting for upland game birds once hunting seasons and limits were imposed. The first skeet game was called Shooting Around the Clock (it was a full circle field with one throwing house) but the full circle had to be changed to a half circle in order to better contain the lead shot around neighboring farms. The second house was added when the field became a half

pass through the hoop to be correct." Senior Steven Rickert was also able to achieve a perfect round score, hitting 50 straight targets in the trap competition. It was his first time notching a perfect score in trap. At nationals in the 100 target bunker trap, Callihan led the way, hitting 77 targets out of the 100 over four rounds, placing top 50 nationally. Ethan Lamberson followed closely with a 70. Bunker trap targets are thrown at 65 miles per hour. In the 200 target American skeet competition, Lamberson's 183 led the way with Callihan at 179. Jacob Johnson also scored 179 hitting two perfect 25 for 25 rounds. Lamberson (2) and Hadley each had a 25 for 25 round as well. It was Hadley's first 25 straight in skeet. At 200 target doubles trap Madelyn Wester's 151 led all Lowell student-athletes. All three events took place on Saturday.



The Lowell shooting team at nationals in Ohio. Photo courtesy of Lowell shooting team facebook page.



Rylei Weller takes aim at a clay target. Photo courtesy of Coach Roger Marks.

Club, the State competition in Mason and finally the week-long National competition in Ohio. The program, started in spring of 2013, has seen a national championship in their young history and plenty of talent, including future college target shooters, go through the program. This year the team was again able to finish their season in Marengo, Ohio where the 2021 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Nationals competition was held over a week in July. This year's team was led by captain Zach Callihan, who has been participating with the team since he was just an eighth grader. Team member Amber Hadley designed the team shirts that the student-athletes, coaches and parents wore during the event. During the competition, Hadley was able to shoot 25

circle. A round of skeet has 25 shots - 17 are singles and eight are doubles. A shooter's first miss will yield an option where they have another chance to hit their missed clay. Stations 1,2,6 and 7 are the doubles stations. At these stations, the athlete will shoot a clay from the high house, then the low house and finish with clays thrown at the same time from each house. On the doubles, the athlete shoots the target closest to them first - high on 1 and 2, low on 6 and 7. At the other stations, they shoot one from the high house and one from the low house. If the athlete has not had a miss, they will shoot two targets from the low house at station 8 for a perfect round! Skeet fields are tested by putting a hoop on a stick at the pole in the middle of the field. When targets are thrown from each house, they must

must shoot the targets in the correct order to have them count toward their score." Lamberson's 94 led the way, including a 25 for 25 round. That 94 landed him in the top 50 among national shooters. While not participating with the Lowell Red Arrows team, Reece Hanson of Lowell, who competes with KCCL Orange Crushers, landed top 13 nationally in 200 skeet hitting 198 of 200 targets. Ethan Lamberson placed second in the state in sporting clays, high overall senior division athlete and was named to the All-State team. Sporting clay targets are thrown at a variety of speeds and angles to make the event tough to predict. Competing at state trap shoot in the intermediate squad were Jacob Johnson, Lannie Wester, Cole Schulz, Brenden Hill, Amaris Hill, Andrew Johnston and Rylei Weller. The intermediate squad placed second in skeet and sporting clays in their division. Jacob Johnson was named All-State on the skeet team and Lannie Wester was named to All-State sporting clays. Lowell's varsity team of Callihan, Hadley, Lamberson, Rickert, Maddie Wester, Carra Couturier, David Johnston, Tyler Weller and Joe Korcek placed second with 273 of 300 targets broken. In addition, the varsity team took third in skeet and first in sporting clays. David Johnston shot his first 25 straight in trap during the competition. The team continues to impress season after season and graduates five seniors this year.

Monday, the team went back to work competing in the 200 target sporting clays. Steven Rickert and Carra Couturier led the way with 151 and 150 respectively. Wednesday, Lowell participated in the 200 singles trap. Rickert shot a blistering 191 to pace the Arrows. He was followed by Wester (189), Lamberson (187), and Hadley (187). The final event for Lowell was on Friday, the 100 target doubles skeet. The Lowell Shooting team Facebook page tells us a little bit more about the event: "Doubles skeet is a variation on the traditional game of skeet. The athletes start at station one and shoot a pair of targets at each station then move on to the next station. They do this for stations 1 through 7 and then come back through to end at 1. They do this twice for one full round of 50 targets. Just like a double in American skeet, they shoot the target closest to them first: high house for stations 1-3, and low house for stations 5-7. Station 4 is halfway between the houses, so they take the high house first when going forward around the field, and they take the low house first when they're on their way back. Competitors

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obituaries

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Grandson, Timothy encapsulated much of Rosie in a Facebook post, "My grandmother, Rosie Fonger passed away yesterday morning (7/31/2021). She was anything but the typical grandmother, but then again, she was anything but a typical woman. She stood up for the civil rights of others long before there was a movement. She ran businesses and invested in real estate at a time when women didn't do that. She was tough. Active up until almost the end. Especially golf and bingo. She loved the city of Lowell that she called home and gave back anyway she could. I don't think my golf swing ever measured up despite her best efforts since I was 4 and she took every opportunity to point out why it was wrong. 9 holes was her was a long ass day. But I could make a vodka tonic

to perfection by the age of 5...She taught me that if anyone ever tells you that you can't do something then they are full of horse shit. Her words. She's whipping angels into shape now." Directives she gave about her funeral. "I don't want some long obituary; they charge way too much for those damn things. I don't want a minister because nobody wants to sit there and listen to somebody that doesn't know me to talk about me. I don't want any flowers at the funeral – I can't see them – I'll be in the casket. All I want is a dozen roses – nobody needs to be wasting money on me for flowers! I want visitation from 11-1 with a short service for about 10-15 minutes if anybody wants to get up and talk about me – then zoop, up to the cemetery and plant me in the ground by 1:20. I'm not paying for no damn reception, but, if people want to gather somewhere after – fine." Visitation will be held from 11 AM - 1 PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, with a short service at 1 PM at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan, 49331. Donations may be made in her name to Fallasburg Historical Society, 14029 Covered Bridge Rd NE, Lowell, MI 49331, or Lowell Area History Museum, 325 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. She will be missed by her adoring family and community. If there is a Heaven, she and Mac are up there playing golf and bickering about her next business venture up in heaven – Mac saying no and her saying she'll do what she g-d wants to!



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Don't bite off more than you can chew because nobody looks attractive spitting it back out.
~ Carroll Bryant

JOHNSON

Bernadette J. (Fortier) Johnson, age 95 of Lowell, passed away on July 27, 2021, at Fountain View of Lowell. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul & Estelle Fortier; husband, Robert; son, James; grandson, Paul Despres; and 6 siblings. Bernadette is survived by her daughter, Alicia Despres; sons, Timothy (Deborah), Stephen, Gerard, Bernard, Mark; grandchildren, Gerard (Monica) Despres, David (Gigi) Despres, Stephen Jr. (Amy), Kevin, Jennifer, Renee, Joseph, Christina (Scott) Dailey, Matthew (Elizabeth), Burt (Amy), Tammy (Matt) Erste; sister, Maxine (Rick) Falls; many great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews. Bernadette loved people and loved to give her time to others. She was an avid volunteer for many different organizations including, Meals on Wheels, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) through the Lowell Police, and she was in charge of the government commodities in Lowell. She had an open door policy in her home, and always welcomed others with her huge heart. The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Fountain View of Lowell for their wonderful care given to Bernadette. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at 11 AM on Monday, August 2, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 402 Amity Street, Lowell, Michigan, 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Fr. Aaron Ferris presided. Interment St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Bernadette's name can be directed towards a charity of choice.



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Looking Back, continued

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Residents on Bennett Road will be pleased to hear that Vergennes Township officials have agreed to have an engineering study performed on their road...but deciding when or if the road will be paved is another issue. At last month's township board meeting, residents submitted a petition outlining their desire to have the final mile stretch of road paved.

Residents of Lowell Charter Township can have a sense of community pride as they enter the new library facilities in Alto and Lowell. The pride stems from a donation made to both libraries from the township board in the name of its citizens. "It would be nice if we could get a little recognition for the people in the community to show that they are committed to our libraries," said township supervisor John Timpson.

Sara Clemence attended Macomb Community College as a senior Olympian: she returned to Lowell as its "Golden Girl." The 72-year-old Lowell resident competed in four swimming events at the 17th annual Michigan Senior Olympics. She garnered a gold medal in the 100-yard backstroke an earned bronze medals in the 100-yard freestyle, and the 50-yard backstroke and freestyle events.

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Live the Life You Want

Relationship abuse in the US - the staggering statistics

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Society has become more open to discussing things that used to be kept secret and seldom shared. Many believe that we have made serious progress toward ending abuse in relationships since wife beating was made illegal in the US around 1920. Yet, with all our current educational resources, availability of assistance/programs, shelters, and counseling the number of reported abuses is still staggering!

So, I want to bring to light how widespread relationship abuse is in our current society so that we can all work together to end this unhealthy and harmful behavior. The below statistics are from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<https://ncadv.org/STATISTICS>) for the United States. Keep in mind as you read these statistics that these are not the true numbers because relationship abuse by an intimate partner is highly underreported

Approximately, 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. In a year that is over 10 million women and men.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical

violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking. This can result in injury, fear, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, getting sexually transmitted diseases, etc.

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experienced some form of physical violence by a partner. This includes slapping, shoving, shaking, pushing etc.

1 in 7 women and 1 in 25 men have been injured by an intimate partner.

1 in 10 women have been raped by an intimate partner. 45.4% of female rape victims and 29% of male rape victims were raped by an intimate partner.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence such as being beaten (may include broken bones), burned, strangled, etc. by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be hurt or even killed.

The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation is said to increase the risk of homicide by 500% and 19% of reported domestic violence involves a weapon.

Intimate partner violence accounts for approximately 15% of all violent crime.

Women between the ages of 18-24 are the most at risk for abuse by an intimate partner.

RAPE
1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States has been raped in their lifetime. Look at those numbers again and let them sink in.

About 46.7% of female and 44.9% of male victims of rape in the US were raped by an acquaintance. Of these rape victims, 45.4% of female victims and 29% of male victims were raped by an intimate partner.

STALKING
About 19.3 million women and 5.1 million men in the US have been stalked during their lifetime. Of these stalking victims, 60.8% of female victims and 43.5% male victims reported being stalked by a current or former intimate partner.

HOMICIDE
A study of intimate partner homicides found that 20% of victims were not the intimate partners, but instead family members, friends, neighbors, persons who intervened, law enforcement responders, or bystanders.

About 72% of all

murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder suicides are female.

PHYSICAL / MENTAL IMPACT

Women abused by their intimate partners are more vulnerable to contracting HIV and/or other sexually transmitted infections/diseases due to forced intercourse.

Studies indicate a relationship between intimate partner violence and depression and suicidal behavior.

Physical, mental, and sexual and reproductive health effects have been linked with intimate partner violence. It is a long list that may include: adolescent pregnancy, unintended pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, hemorrhages, nutritional deficiency, abdominal pain, or other gastrointestinal problems.

Also, neurological disorders, chronic pain, disability, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as hypertension, cancer and cardiovascular diseases can occur. Victims of domestic violence are also at higher risk for developing addictions to alcohol, tobacco, or drugs because they self-medicate to deal with the pain.

Even with the available

victim service agencies, over 80% of those experiencing intimate partner violence didn't receive help from an agency.

Victim Service Agencies and Information in West Michigan

West Michigan has three domestic violence shelters. Two in Grand Rapids, and one in Holland. Details are provided below. They provide emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence (all genders) and their children.

Safe Haven Ministries – Domestic Violence Shelter
Address: 2627 Birchcrest Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Phone: (616) 452-6664

YWCA West Central Michigan – Domestic Violence Shelter
Address: 25 Sheldon Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: (616) 454-9922

Resilience – Advocates for Ending Violence – Domestic Violence Shelter
Address: 411 Butternut Drive, Holland, MI 49424
Phone: (616) 392-2829

There is a more detailed list of resources available at <https://www.accesskent.com/Courts/Prosecutor/victimresources.htm>



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Call 211 – It is a free referral program from United Way that provides information about local social service providers to people in need. The service is free and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They also offer interpretation services in several languages.

For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) now.

Please know that your feelings matter, your voice matters, and you matter! You get one life, make it the best one possible! This article is not intended to diagnose or treat it is for informational purposes only.



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Are trust services right for you?

If you're extremely busy with your career and family and you've accumulated a fair amount of assets, you might be concerned about a variety of issues related to financial management and legacy planning. Specifically, you might think you don't have the time or expertise to deal with these matters effectively. If this is the case, you might want to consider using a trust company.

You might think you need to have a large estate or millions of dollars to benefit from working with a trust company, but that's not the case. And if you're not familiar with what a trust company can do, you might be surprised at all

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In addition to providing these practical services, a trust company may benefit you in a more intangible way. It's unfortunate but true that, in many families, dividing up assets can cause conflict and bitter feelings. But when a trust company serves as trustee, it impartially administers distribution of the assets based on the instructions you've provided in the trust

– helping minimize family disputes over inheritances.

If you ever feel like the complexities of wealth management and trust administration are getting to be more than you can handle – or perhaps more than you want to handle – consider contacting a trust company. You might find that it can make your life a lot easier.

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6			8	2				

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

WATER QUALITY WORD SEARCH

S D D D R G H O M E T S Y S O C E N K L
 U C A G R Y N H C N A W X H T Z S H X A
 A I E M C A E I O W I H S I K C A R B C
 S Z P Y H R I I R L F K A R A O P E N E
 K H H Z I H T N D O D E M I A L C E R B
 L X W R R A N L A T T Y H U R F W C C C
 C W F E G L I Z P G N I P B U E G T F T
 L B T I L F R X B K E E N P O R T Z L P
 C A R R E N R A B I O K U O P Y B C B A
 W R K B T N E M T A E R T L M N O K A U
 I F S E L C I T R A P F F C F O G R G B
 W H T Y B W X G I H G C H D P F I O X O
 M A C L S G W S D G M E S G L H E B W X
 C B A X A K E M C H M S C C F P B L A Y
 P I P N L D L A C I G O L O C E N A S G
 X T M S I W I R C R U N O F F F I G T E
 Z A I M N W C A F T I I X Y L P E S E N
 L T E U I E L I I S T N E I R T U N L I
 R N Z G T S E W I P O L L U T E D P D H
 T Y I S Y R E Z I L I T R E F X A A E P

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 13

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Answer: Olivia Holt

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to water quality.

I R S A N

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Answer: Rain

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
13						14				15			
16					17					18			
19				20						21			
			22							23			24
25	26	27		28				29			30		
31			32		33		34					35	
36				37		38				39			40
	41				42			43		44			
		45					46	47		48			
49	50		51				52			53			
54		55				56				57	58	59	
60					61					62			
63					64					65			
66					67					68			

CLUES ACROSS

- Ponds
- "Unbelievable" musicians
- Invests in little enterprises
- Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- Small sailboat
- "Luther" actor
- Round Dutch cheese
- Detects underwater objects
- Harsh, grating noise
- Steward
- Fencing sword
- Painful places on the body
- "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- Sodium
- Engineering degree (abbr.)
- Small lump
- African antelope
- Electronic point of sale
- Carefully chooses
- Ringworm
- Unrefined
- Drenches
- Type of pants
- Son of Noah
- Spiritual being
- Upton Sinclair novel
- Journalist Tarbell
- Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- Born of

- Rich tapestry
- S. China seaport
- Being without clothes
- Surrounded by
- Remains
- Away from wind
- Dried-up
- One who can see the future
- A very large body of water
- Digs up earth
- Type of screen
- Old Norse poet

- Family of regulator genes
- NY ballplayer
- Impressive in size or scope
- Jacques ___, Fr. biologist
- Manhattanite
- Genus of lemurs
- Sings to
- River in southern Italy
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Farewell
- Senior officer
- Utah resident
- Begets
- Boy
- Violently break
- Brief appearance
- Expressed pleasure
- A light informal meal
- Fabric with smooth finish
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- Ancient Greek City
- Close tightly
- Commit
- A way to communicate (abbr.)
- Heavy metal

CLUES DOWN

- Millisecond
- Spanish city
- Sudden, very loud sound
- Type of chair
- Tin
- Sea eagles
- Broad volcanic crater
- Some animals have it
- Ottoman palaces
- Divulge a secret
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- Poisonous perennial
- Gulf in the Aegean
- Clothes
- Chairs



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